

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS****I. General Discussion**

Claims 8, 9 and 23 are pending. All other claims have been canceled.

This submission is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 4, 2004. The Notice indicated that a complete listing of all claims was not present in the previous amendment submitted on August 6, 2004.

A review of the previous submission indicated that Applicants failed to indicate the status of canceled claims with the claim listing that was included in the Amendment filed on August 6, 2004.

The listing of claims provided herewith shows the changes made in the August 6, 2003 Non-Compliant Amendment but also lists the status of the canceled claims thereby making the claim listing submitted herewith complete.

**II. Conclusion**


In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner pass this application to issue.

If there are any outstanding issues which need to be resolved to place the application in condition for allowance the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative by phone to discuss and hopefully resolve said issues. To the extent necessary, a petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby

made, the fee for which should be charged to Patent Office deposit account number 07-2347.

Respectfully submitted,

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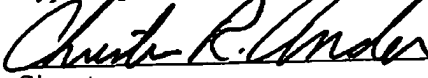
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